

GAMING MACHINE DISPLAYING COMBINATIONS OF SYMBOLS INCLUDING SPECIAL SYMBOLS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A random combination of symbols in a matrix is initially displayed in a game. There are one or more specially marked symbols, such as a wildcard symbol, that may be randomly displayed. Upon the display of the one of the specially marked symbols, certain other symbols in the matrix are changed to increase the player's chances of a winning symbol combination across a pay line. The selected symbols may be changed to

10 specially marked symbols or other symbols. Various examples of which symbols are changed in response to the occurrence of a specially marked symbol are described.